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Title : Inconvenience caused to women passengers due to positioning of bogies reserved for women in Sealdah railway division.

SHRI SUNIL KHAN (DURGAPUR): Thank you, Sir. I want to draw the attention of the House and the hon. Minister of Railways to the problems faced by the women in local trains of Sealdah Division. They met the DRM of Sealdah Division, but he did not recognise them.

In the local trains in the Sealdah Division, earlier, the two women bogies used to be one after the other. But nowadays, the Railway authorities have put one women bogie in the front of the train and another at the rear of the train, and there is vendors' compartment immediately next to the women's bogies. The whey of curds water and other goods from the vendors' compartment fall on the platform, which is next to the women's bogie, with the result whenever the women come on to the platform, to board, they get slipped and regular accidents take place.

They have already given their representation to the DRM; the DRM has neglected the women passengers and that is the reason why I am raising this issue in the Parliament. Women have got together in the Parliament Street for a *dharna,* for legalising their womanhood and for making one-third reservation.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: What is your demand?

SHRI SUNIL KHAN : Why were those women neglected in the Sealdah Division? That is why, I am raising this issue. I urge upon the hon. Railway Minister to look into the matter so that the two women bogies can be put one after the other and the vendors' compartment may be kept away from those compartments of women. That would be better because this would not cause any accidents.